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1. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT DINNER ADDRESS BY SECRETARY KREPS TO THE KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSN. SEPT. 30, 1977, SHOULD APPROPRIATELY CENTER ON THOSE HIGHLIGHTS AND OBJECTIVES OF U.S. TRADE AND ECONOMIC POLICY OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF U.S.-KOREA RELATIONS. TENTATIVE AGENDA SUBJECTS AND BRIEFING MATERIALS WILL BE USEFUL POINTS OF EMPHASIS WITHIN THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK SELECTED BY THE SECRETARY. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DRAFTS BE CABLED FOR REVIEW BY AMBASSADOR SNEIDER AND IN THAT WAY WE CAN CONTRIBUTE MOST EFFECTIVELY TO THE INTRODUCTION OF "LOCAL COLOR" AND TO THE ADJUSTMENTS THAT WILL MAKE THE SECRETARY'S POINTS MORE EFFECTIVELY TO HER LARGE AUDIENCE OF KOREANS AND AMERICANS WHO ARE REMOTE FROM THE DAY-TO-DAY CONDUCT OF U.S. POLICY.

2. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN HER REMARKS, PROTECTIONISM (OF WHATEVER ORIGIN), TRADE
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LIBERALIZATION INVESTMENT POLICY, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (AND INTEREST OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN KOREAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SALES OF PLANTS, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY TO REDRESS KOREA'S FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE), STATE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY, AND ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN PROMINENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION.

3. SECRETARY NEED NOT ALLUDE TO DEFENSE OR THE U.S. GROUND FORCES WITHDRAWAL POLICY BUT CERTAINLY DRAFTERS SHOULD BE CONSCIOUS THAT HER REMARKS WILL BE WEIGHED IN THE MINDS OF HER AUDIENCE AGAINST THAT POLICY BACKDROP.

4. "LOCAL COLOR" WILL INCLUDE INTRODUCTORY REFERENCES TO THE PLACES THE SECRETARY HAS VISITED AND THEREFORE MUST AWAIT DECISIONS ON HER ITINERARY. WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE FIRST KOREAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AFTER LIBERATION WAS LOUISE YIM (IM YONG-SIN), WHO PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR AND WHOSE COLORFUL CAREER INCLUDED THE FOUNDING OF THE FIRST POLITICAL PARTY FOR WOMEN IN KOREA AS WELL AS THE FOUNDING OF ONE OF KOREA'S MAJOR UNIVERSITIES.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP FIRST DRAFT OUTLINE INTO WHICH IT MAY SET "LOCAL COLOR" AND RECOMMEND POINTS OF EMPHASIS TO DEPARTMENT DRAFTERS.
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